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# Wright County Egg Nationwide Recall Update

The Division of Environmental Health (DEH) of this Department, in coordination with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), would like to inform the public that the department is keeping abreast of and responding to the recent voluntary recall by Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa.

On August 13, 2010, Wright County Egg issued a voluntary recall of eggs produced by their farms because of the potential contamination of the eggs with Salmonella, which is a bacterium that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. The recall identified 8 brand names implicated in the recall. This was followed up with an expanded recall that was issued on August 18, 2010, which included an additional 4 brand names.

Upon learning of the initial recall, DEH notified the island's major wholesalers and retailers. To date, the division has not received any confirmation of the implicated eggs being sold on Guam. The Department is also unaware of any local Salmonella infection attributed to the recall.

The affected brand names are Lucerne, Alberston, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms, and Kemps, with "Julian Dates" ranging from 136 to 225 and plant numbers 1026, 1413, and 1946, which are printed on the carton. The affected eggs are in varying sizes of cartons (6-egg cartons, dozen egg cartons, and 18-egg cartons, and loose eggs for institutional use and repackaging). Wright County's toll-free information number is 1-866-272-5582.

The Department will continue to communicate with local wholesalers and retailers on this matter and will notify the public if we become aware of any recalled eggs found on island.

You may also contact the Division of Environmental Health at 735-7221 for any questions. Dangkolo Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase!

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